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The Honorable Craig Thomas
U.S. House of Representatives
1019 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Thomas:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Sheriff Forrest Bright and Jail Administrator David Evans, regarding the Commission's Billed Party Preference (BPP) proceeding. On May 19, 1994, the Commission adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this proceeding. I have enclosed a copy of the Further Notice and press release accompanying it for your information.

The Further Notice sets forth a detailed cost/benefit analysis of BPP. This analysis indicates, based on the available data, that the benefits of BPP to consumers would exceed its costs. The Further Notice sought comment on this analysis and asked interested parties to supplement the record concerning the costs and benefits of BPP. The Further Notice also invited parties to recommend alternatives to BPP that could produce many of the same benefits at a lower cost. Reply comments were due September 14, 1994. Presently, the Commission is evaluating the comments submitted and considering the implementation of BPP along with other options.

The Further Notice also explicitly sought comment on whether correctional facility telephones should be exempt if BPP is adopted. Specifically, the Further Notice sought additional information on the effectiveness and costs of controlling fraud originating on inmate lines with or without BPP. The Further Notice also sought comment on a proposal to exempt prison telephones from BPP if the operator service provider adheres to rate ceilings for inmate calling services.

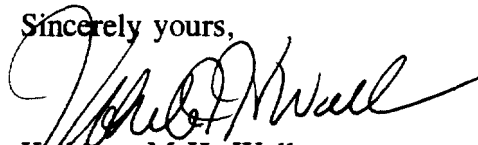
BPP would not preclude prison officials from blocking or limiting inmate calls to specific telephone numbers in order to prevent threatening and harassing calls. Moreover, BPP would not affect the ability of prison officials to limit inmates to collect calling or to program telephone equipment at the prison site to block certain numbers.

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Thank you for your interest in this proceeding. I can assure you that the Commission will carefully examine all of the comments submitted in response to the Further Notice, including additional empirical data regarding the costs and benefits of implementing BPP and the impact of BPP on telephone service from correctional facilities.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen M.H. Wallman', written in a cursive style.

Kathleen M.H. Wallman
Chief
Common Carrier Bureau

Enclosures

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Reed Hundt
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Hundt:

Enclosed please find copies of letters regarding the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) proposed rules on the Billed Party Preference (BPP) for long distance calls.

David Evins and Forrest Bright, constituents of mine, have raised several valid concerns regarding this matter. They are worried that they will not be able to adequately control collect calls going out of this detention facility. I would greatly appreciate your addressing their concerns.

I look forward to your timely response.

Best regards,

Craig
Craig Thomas
Member of Congress

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Uinta County, Wyoming



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COMMENTS OF UINTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE & JAIL, WYOMING

As Sheriff of Uinta County I am extremely concerned about the proposed Billed Party Preference for long distance telephone calls. There are three specific areas that will have an adverse effect on the Uinta County Jail, specifically:

1. We will lose blocking control of our inmate phone calls.
2. We will lose a revenue stream and the inmate family phone costs could go up.
3. The potential for fraud will creep back into the system.

Along with these major considerations is my concern for who will ultimately be responsible for paying for the changes.

I am adamantly opposed to the BPP and encourage the FCC to also oppose this concept.

Sincerely,

Forrest C. Bright
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Sheriff

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cc: Vice President Gore
The Honorable Malcolm Wallop
The Honorable Alan K. Simpson
The Honorable Craig Thomas

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